

Howard County Council

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Minutes (approved)
Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2015
8:30 a.m.
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Kay Sigaty, Chair; Jon Weinstein, Vice Chair; Calvin Ball; Jen Terrasa

Members Absent: Greg Fox

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Committee on Community Policing

Linda Lee Hickerson asked members of the committee in attendance to introduce themselves. They were Raghid Shourbaji, Larry Aaronson, Barb Mueller, Larry Buehler, Nollie Wood, Jr., Janet Bahouth, Lesley Flame, and Pete Newman. Ms. Hickerson provided an overview of the Committee's process and recommendations and answered Council Members' questions. Lesley Flame and Janet Bahouth joined the discussion to address the committee's work regarding body cameras and the committee's online survey. Chief Gary Gardner discussed the benefits of the Committee's report to inform and support the Department's planning process for strengthening community policing.

Budget Process Recommendations

Dr. Sun presented an overview of revenue projections and a preliminary fiscal outlook for FY 2017. Mr. Glendenning presented recommendations for improving the presentation of the capital and operating budgets to provide additional information and clarify changes from the prior year. He also discussed proposed legislation and Charter amendments to increase Council flexibility in amending the Executive's proposed budget. Gary Kuc and Jim Vannoy joined the conversation to discuss their review of what changes could be made legislatively under the existing Charter. Dr. Sun discussed potential challenges in implementing the proposed changes and agreed to provide the Council with responses to Mr. Glendenning's recommendations by November 16.

Approval of 2016 Council Calendar

Ms. Feldmark referred to the proposed 2016 calendar which she had circulated and explained the reasoning for certain proposed dates which vary from the standard schedule called for by the Rules of Procedure. Ms. Sigaty moved to suspend the rules to adopt the 2016 calendar as proposed. Mr. Weinstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Reports

There was no Chairperson's report. For the Patuxent River Commission, Ms. Sigaty reported that members of the Commission had met with Secretary Grumbles to discuss reporting and

notification of sewage spills. MDE is working on updating its regulations. For MACo, Ms. Terrasa reminded the Council of the upcoming winter conference.

Staff Reports

Ms. Feldmark and Mr. Glendenning referred to their written reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.